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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-13-312 and Section 63-6-602, relative to the practice of medicine.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-602, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to physicians when health care services are furnished in (i) the offices of the referring physician or the physician's group practice; (ii) the same building as the offices of the referring physician or the physician's group practice or a (iii) a centralized building that is used by the physician or the physician's group practice for the provision of health care services.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-602(b), is amended by deleting from the first sentence of the subsection the words and punctuation "this section" and substituting the words and punctuation "subsection (a)" therein.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-13-312(11), is amended by inserting into the second sentence of the section the words and punctuation "or physical therapists and physicians" after "comprised of physical therapists" and before "from dividing fees." In addition, it is amended by changing the semicolon to a comma at the end of the last sentence in the subsection and inserting the following language and punctuation:

, or prohibits physical therapists from being employed by or contracting with a third party which provides physical therapy services;

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it.